

SENATE BILL 850

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By: **Senator King**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2012

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Qualifications for Licensure – Mortuary Science,**
3 **Funeral Direction, and Apprenticeship**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the State Board of
5 Morticians and Funeral Directors is required to issue a mortician or funeral
6 director license to certain individuals; requiring an individual who is seeking
7 approval of an apprentice license to complete certain credits at a certain school
8 or in a certain course that has both a certain accreditation and is approved by
9 the Board; and generally relating to the requirements for licensure in mortuary
10 science and funeral direction and for approval of an apprentice license.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health Occupations
13 Section 7–303(b)(3) and 7–306(d)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health Occupations**

19 7–303.

20 (b) The Board shall examine all applications for licensure for the practice of
21 mortuary science or funeral direction and shall issue the mortician or funeral director
22 license to an individual who:

23 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, has graduated with
24 an associate of arts degree in mortuary science or its equivalent from a school

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education [or] AND approved by
2 the Board, or has acquired at least an associate of arts degree and completed a course
3 in mortuary science that is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service
4 Education [or] AND approved by the Board;

5 7-306.

6 (d) (1) Prior to an individual appearing before the Board for approval of
7 an apprentice license, the individual must complete two-thirds of the academic credits
8 for a mortuary science program at a school **OR IN A COURSE** accredited by the
9 American Board of Funeral Service [or] AND approved by the Board, with a 2.0 grade
10 point average or higher that is verified with a certified copy of the college transcript.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2012.